

ECB ACO 'Best practice' policy

Umpires acting together as a team

Pre-match ritual

- Meet and greet Club representatives
- Meet and greet Captains and Scorers
- Ground/pitch Assessment - deal with obstacles
- Boundary markings, covers, wood shavings etc.
- With colleague agree consistency of decisions e.g. tolerance levels, Wide ball, all communications, signals and pre-signals,
- Take control of the match balls & spares prior to the Toss
- Receive & Check completed, signed 'team card'

Supervising the Toss

- The Toss < 30mins or > 15 mins prior to play

Pre-match meeting with the Captains

- Spirit of Cricket – responsibility of the captains
- Match format and Competition Rules and Regulations
- ECB Directives and **Identify** all young players
- Ensure **BOTH** captains are aware of ALL young players
- Hours of play, Master clock and back-up
- Intervals, meals and drink breaks (inc. Scorers)
- Use of substitutes (if appropriate)
- Over rates (if applicable)
- Use of covers and Who will move sightscreens
- Re-marking creases & Rolling between Innings
- Confirm who are their Scorers and their location
- Who will display: Runs, Wickets and Overs?



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Scorer's briefing notes

- Confirm the intended location of the Scorers
 - If practical, leave the spare balls with Scorers
 - Confirm the match format, rules & conditions
 - Confirm the hours of play and intervals
 - Confirm the master clock and back-up to use
 - Confirm the boundary and allowances
 - Confirm the display of Runs, Wickets and Overs
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- Agree and confirm with them your pre-signals
 - Agree acknowledgement of signals
 - Any assistance they might provide
 - Control of, and restricted access to, the spare balls
 - Discuss and identify ALL young players
ensure Scorers, Umpires, & both captains aware

****Bowling spell/day**

U13 - 5 overs/10 overs

U15 - 6 overs/12 overs

U17 - 7 overs/18 overs

U19 - 7 overs/18 overs

Fielding

11 yards/10 metres

8 yards/7.3 metres

Fielding: * = Fielding: = U16-U18 when fielding within 8 yards
must wear a helmet (and abdominal protector for
boys) – see Helmet Guide Directive

Bowling: ** = No more than 2 consecutive days and no more
than 4 days in any 7